

will be released to the Andhra Pradesh under the Mega City Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) In the absence of finalisation of Ninth Plan, it is not possible to indicate the allocation of funds for the development of Hyderabad under the Mega City Scheme and whether the same has been increased at this stage.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In view of the reply to part (a) and (b) it is not possible to indicate at this stage the total amount allocated for the Ninth Plan and the time by which the first instalment of the Ninth Five Year Plan will be released.

Employment in Agricultural Sector

98. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate of employment in agricultural sector during the last three financial years and upto 30 June, 1997;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase employment in agricultural sector during the above period; and

(c) the steps likely to be taken in 1997-98 and the Ninth Five Year Plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cancer of Uterus and Breast

99. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether cancer of uterus and breast are on the rise in India as compared to lung cancer;

(b) if so, the total cases registered for such cancers during the last on year;

(c) whether there will be 100000 cases of uterus cancer by 2001 as per the projection made by the National Cancer Registry Programme;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation; and

(e) whether the Government propose to launch a nation wide awareness programme about uterus and breast cancer and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Information on occurrence of cancer of the uterus, breast and lung is not being routinely collected in India. Such information on the incidence of cancers is available only through the small number of population Based Cancer Registries under the National Cancer Reg-

istry Programme (NCRP) of ICMR which is not representative of the country as a whole. Data from the Reg. at Mumbai, Bangalore and Chennai do not show a increase in incidence of cancer of uterine cervix, while the incidence of breast cancer has shown a small increase in these registries. The incidence of lung cancer in Chennai shows an increase amongst both men and women between 1982 and 1992.

(b) Based on the NCRP data, it is estimated that nearly 77,000 women developed cervical cancer and 71,000 women developed breast cancer in 1996. the lung cancer cases for 1996 are estimated to be nearly 30,000.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Under the National Programme for Cancer Control the Government has started schemes mentioned below for early detection, creating awareness and treatment of cancer:-

(i) Augmentation of Regional Cancer Centres in various States/UTs.

(ii) Development of Oncology Wings in Identified Medical Colleges/Hospitals.

(iii) Setting up of Cobalt Therapy facilities in various parts of the country.

(iv) District Cancer Control project.

(v) Financial assistance to NGO's for early detection and awareness.

Revenue Deficit

100. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has taken a serious view of the performance and monitoring position of State Government;

(b) whether Planning Commission has also decided not to approve State plans unless they agree to bring down their revenue deficit;

(c) if so, the details of the revenue deficit State-wise as on date;

(d) to what extent the Ninth Plan is expected to envisage a slash in Government revenue deficit;

(e) the directions issued by the Planning Commission in this regard to the State Governments;

(f) whether Planning Commission has fixed the annual plan for Andhra Pradesh; and

(g) if so, to what extent it is more than the annual plan of the previous year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) Yes, Sir. The performance and monitoring position of the State Governments, both physical and financial, are taken into account

by the Planning Commission before approving the plan size, through quarterly progress reports, visits to States and discussions between the Commission and State Governments.

(b) and (c) The main emphasis of the Commission is to bring down wasteful non-plan revenue expenditure rather than cutting down developmental plan expenditure and thereby improve the Balance from Current Revenues (BCR), rather than reducing revenue deficit.

(d) and (e) Ninth Five Year Plan envisages reduction of non-plan revenue expenditure (NPRE) to the lowest possible level and the State Governments have been advised to adopt suitable measures in this direction.

(f) and (g) The Annual Plan outlay of Andhra Pradesh has been fixed at Rs. 3533 crore for 1997-98. This represents an increase of 18.2% in the plan outlay over 1996-97 which was fixed at Rs. 2989 crore.

Cholera in Kerala

101. SHRI T. GOVINDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the spreading of Cholera in the Coastal areas of Kerala especially in Aleppuzha district during the previous monsoon season; and

(b) if so, the preventive measures taken by the Union Government to control the spreading of Cholera during the current year in view of the past experience?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) A team composed of Scientists from the National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi and the National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Calcutta visited three districts of Kerala, Namely, Aleppuzha, Palaghat and Kozhikode in the first week of August, 1996. After extensive investigations, the outbreak of diarrhoea was found to be due to contamination of water sources with the Cholera micro-organism. Short-term and long-term measures for control and prevention of further outbreaks were suggested by the team to the State Government.

(b) The State health authorities were advised to take adequate Preventive measures against such outbreaks this year. The proposed measures included water quality monitoring, upkeep of water supply and sewage pipes, ensuring general sanitation including food sanitation and adequate stocking of medicines alongwith mass health education activities.

[*Translation*]

Residences Converted in Monuments

102. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of residences of national leaders converted in monuments in Delhi so far;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to convert the residence of Late Babu Jagjiwan Ram in a monument;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the decision is likely to be taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a)

(i) Teen Murti House : Dedicated in the name of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru

(ii) 1, Safdarjang Road : Dedicated in the name and 1, Akbar Road of Smt. Indira Gandhi.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Govt.

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

[*English*]

Clearance of Pending Project

103. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has discussed some issues with the Prime Minister affecting the State on account of the review of the Lakadawala Committee's recommendation;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed;

(c) whether the Government have assured to clear all the pending projects relating to Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The issue raised by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh related to getting the poverty ration of the State reestimated under the Lakadawala methodology by eliminating the price depressing effect of the Government sponsored food subsidy programme.

(c) and (d) It has been reported that the pending projects relating to Andhra Pradesh have been sent by the Prime Minister's Office to the various Ministries concerned for necessary action.